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**Reply Under 37 CFR §1.111
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir,

In response to the Official Office Action mailed September 26, 2003 and having a one (1) month shortened statutory period for reply, please enter the following amendment to the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for restriction and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction.

Claims 1-30 are in the case. The examiner has required a restriction on the claimed invention as follows:

Group I - claims 1-19 as drawn to a laminated article; and

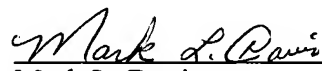
Group II - claims 20-30 as drawn to method for making the laminated article.

Applicants acknowledge the examiner's position that the inventions of Group I and Group II are distinct. Applicants respectfully submit, however, that it would not be a serious burden on the examiner to examine the claims of Group II concurrently with the claims of Group I since the

method for making the laminated article will necessarily include some of the same art. Thus, examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden on the examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the requirement for restriction.

If the examiner maintains the restriction, Applicants provisionally, and with traverse, elect the claims of Group II for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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